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FOLLOWING RECD ACTION OTTAWA 7 NOV 77 REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION:

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SUBJECT: POLITICAL IMPACT OF RCMP REVELATIONS

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1. IT IS OFTEN SAID THAT CANADIANS ARE MORE TOLERANT  
OF GOVERNMENTAL HIGHHANDEDNESS, OR EVEN CORRUPTION, THAN  
ARE AMERICANS. WHILE THIS THESIS MAY BE ARGUABLE, I THINK  
IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT HERE IN HALIFAX AT ANY RATE THE  
RECENT REVELATIONS ABOUT RCMP ILLEGALITIES HAVE FAILED  
TO EXCITE MUCH CRITICISM. ON ONE HAND, ILLEGALITIES  
HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING TERM IN OFFICE OF A LIBERAL  
GOVERNMENT, WHICH GIVES PC'S AND NDP OPPONENTS OF  
THAT GOVERNMENT A CLUB TO USE AGAINST IT. ON OTHER  
HAND, HOWEVER, RCMP'S ILLEGALITIES DIRECTED AGAINST  
PARTI QUEBECOIS PROBABLY ARE CONDONED BY MANY ATLANTIC CANADIANS  
WHO FEEL THAT EROSION OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AT THE HANDS  
OF THE DEEPLY RESPECTED RCMP IS MUCH LESS OF A THREAT  
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THAN IS THE BREAK-UP OF THE COUNTRY THRU THE  
MACHINATIONS OF THE PQ.

2. SOLE EDITORIAL COMMENT NOTED IN NEWSPAPERS  
RECEIVED HERE THUS FAR WAS IN NOV 1 ISSUE OF MONCTON  
TRANSCRIPT. IT, HOWEVER, WAS BLISTERING ATTACK  
ON RCMP AND ON TRUDEAU, COMPARING FORMER'S ACTIVITIES

WITH WORST EXCESSES OF FBI AND CIA AND LATTER WITH  
NIXON, THE GREEK COLONELS, THE CHILEAN COLONELS, PERON,  
SALAZAR, AND FRANCO. (NO MENTION MADE, HOWEVER, OF  
HITLER OR ATILA THE HUN.)

3. ALTHOUGH THOSE WHO SILENTLY CONDONE RCMP'S ILLEGALITIES  
MAY WELL BE AT LEAST SLIGHTLY UNEASY ABOUT THEM, MY GUESS IS  
THAT NO WIDESPREAD CHORUS OF PROTESTS IS LIKELY TO WELL UP  
IN ATLANTIC CANADA UNLESS FURTHER REVELATIONS OF A MORE  
SHOCKING NATURE SHOULD COME TO LIGHT. IF, FOR EXAMPLE,  
BUGGING OF OFFICES IN HOUSE OF COMMONS IS ULTIMATELY LAID  
ON RCMP'S DOORSTEP, IN A CONTEXT INDICATING THAT RCMP--  
OR SEGMENTS OF IT--HAS ACTED IN PARTISAN MATTERS AT BEHEST  
OF LIBERAL PARTY, CONFIDENCE AND TRUST IN RCMP WOULD LIKELY  
BE SEVERELY SHAKEN THROUGHOUT ATLANTIC CANADA. ABSENT SUCH  
A DEVELOPMENT, THOUGH, I THINK THE CURRENT FURORE WILL BLOW  
OVER RELATIVELY QUICKLY.

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